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## HAS CLOSE CALL IN WIND STORM

### Fruitland Man Mixed Up With Live Wires.

Payette, May 8.—While riding horseback on the road just north of the Fruitland high school building in Fruitland Saturday afternoon, Fred Eldredge came very near being killed when the wind blew down two electric light poles and two joining wires caught around his neck. Realizing his danger, he quickly spurred his horse, freeing himself from the live wires. As the animal jumped the wires about his neck almost pulled him from the horse, but his spur caught in the saddle and he released himself from the wires before falling to the ground.

Conscious, but unable to move a muscle, Mr. Eldredge was taken to the office of Dr. Wright, where the wound was dressed. The narrow escape from death was realized when it was found that his neck was burned almost to the jugular vein. The same evening he was taken to Ontario where he was again examined and placed under expert care. At present he is doing nicely and will probably recover without any bad effects except the slight disablement of his arm. He is the son of A. B. Eldredge, formerly a heavy land owner at Fruitland.

The horse which he was riding was severely burned in several places about the back but will recover. The accident occurred about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon during the terrible wind storm as he was returning from the pasture where he had gotten the horse.

## FIRE STARTED BY THE WIND ON SATURDAY

The high wind Saturday started a fire at the Gramse place, west of town and destroyed a shed and other buildings, together with wagons and a lot of knocked down apple boxes. They had been burning a straw stack several weeks ago and supposed the fire was out but the wind stirred it up.

A. Gramse was in and wants to thank the Ontario fire department and others who assisted in subduing the fire at his place last Saturday. He says that is all that saved his house. The granary and chicken house, with contents, were all destroyed. The fire went too fast to save anything.

Twenty carloads of horses approximately 500 head, were secured by eastern buyers at the May sale in the Caldwell market. Prices realized at the sale were good, but not above the average of the last few months.

### IRONSIDE ITEMS.

James Elms is ill with spotted fever and inflammatory rheumatism. Elmer Molthan, F. W. Smith and John Smith went salmon fishing last week on the Little Malheur river, but had no success owing to the river being so high.

A large crowd from Westfall attended the ball game on Sunday, there being 14 auto loads arriving. A splendid picnic dinner was served in the Ironside park by the ladies.

It is believed that the frost has killed the fruit which was in full blossom. Much garden truck was killed.

Mrs. H. C. Elms of Unity spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Hinton, returning home on Sunday.

Horace Walker of Unity passed through Saturday on his way to Brogan where he met his parents of Ontario. They expect to spend the summer there.

Eli Rose returned from Vale on Saturday, where he had been acting as a jurymen. He was accompanied by his mother, who spent the winter in Vale.

Wm. Beam and family took their departure for their lately acquired home at Nyssa last week.

Mrs. J. N. Woodcock returned from Baker last week after spending the winter there with her daughters.

W. J. Hinton and wife motored to Unity on Sunday evening, returning home Monday morning.

## PRESENT STATUS OF G. O. P. DELEGATION

Total number of delegates ..... 985  
Necessary to nominate ..... 493  
Delegates elected to date ..... 811  
Yet to be elected ..... 174  
Delegates instructed ..... 277  
Delegates uninstructed ..... 534  
Instructed delegates are pledged as follows:  
Cummings (Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa) ..... 74  
Burton (Ohio) ..... 48  
Sherman (all Illinois but 4) ..... 54  
Fairbanks (Indiana and 10 from Kentucky) ..... 40  
LaFollette (North Dakota and 15 from Wisconsin) ..... 25  
DuPont (Delaware) ..... 6  
Ford (Michigan) ..... 30

Although, up to this time, not a single delegate to the republican national convention has been instructed to vote for Justice Hughes or for Colonel Roosevelt, those two men are expected to become the central figures in the party contest which is to start in just one month.

Both Hughes and Roosevelt are stronger today among the chosen delegates than any favorite son whose name has been entered in the race, and of the two Hughes is thought to have the greater support among uninstructed delegates.

## TWO MORE GAMES WON BY FRUITLAND

Fruitland, May 5.—The fast Fruitland high school baseball team has added two more victories to its already long list having this week defeated both the New Plymouth and Payette high school teams by decisive scores. New Plymouth was cleaned up 15 to 0 and Payette was disposed of without trouble. The next big game will be played with Weiser Friday, May 12, on the Fruitland diamond.

The assessor is not responsible for the high taxes this year, beyond the extra cost of running his office over that of the other counties of the district. The cost in this county is seventy-five cents a mile for every mile travelled by the deputies. The average cost for the state per thousand dollars is \$14, in this county it is \$23. When one looks over the list and notes the unequal value placed on the property it does not seem to justify the extra amount it costs.

## LONG VALLEY IS PROSPEROUS

W. E. Lees was called to Long Valley last week on legal business. The people there are quite prosperous, having received good prices for their seed, grain and hay crops last year. Many are engaged in the dairy business and the checks coming in each month give them ready money. The town of Cascade is prosperous looking, with four good stores. There is still plenty of snow there, during the winter it was eight feet deep on the level. The waters of the Payette river are now at flood stage and the scene through the canyon is grand, as the water churns over the huge boulders. The log drive was started this week. The lumber people are going to have a mill at Emmett or Letha, probably Emmett, as they have purchased the McNish mill.

Charles Becker was in the city several days this week. He has been around the northern and western sections of the county and found that all the taxpayers he came in contact with are up in arms over the high taxes. Here only half the taxes have been paid in, and all the outstanding warrants are called in and there is still a large amount of money in the hands of the officials. They are also inquiring why the county judge paid \$750 for legal advice when he has an attorney employed for that purpose. They think that fee is too big for any common jack leg attorney, it is big enough for a judge.

Did you ever laugh until your sides ached with mirth caused by the appreciation of the ability of the other fellow to perform something really funny? If not, attend the senior play next Tuesday evening.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FINISHING OF SCHOOL

Next week will mark the close of another school year and the week will be taken up with several exercises.

On Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the high school auditorium by Rev. Brown of the Presbyterian church. On Monday evening the Nut club will give a dance in Wilson Hall.

On Tuesday evening the seniors will give the class play at the Dreamland.

On Wednesday afternoon the Class Day exercises will be held.

Thursday commencement exercises Address by Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer.

Saturday evening, senior alumni banquet.

The members of the senior class are: Fred Test, president; Rena Adam, secretary and treasurer; Irene

Rader, Ella Brosnan, Neva Billingsley, Evelyn Brown, Ruth Duncan, Stacia Hall, Helen Crooks, Mabel DeFoe, Amelia Plughoff, Ruby Fenwick, Elsie Reese, Bryan Neeb, Steve Cox, Don Conklin, Ephraim Harriot, Ira Williams, Gerry Beler, Rowland Koenig, Arthur Holland and Robert Bender.

The graduating class this year is especially strong and there were few failures, although the marking was very close. In scholarship they rank very high. The class is a large one, 22, only one having been larger. There has been a noticeable improvement in the athletics also. In the several contests they have been successful in many events, even when pitted against much larger schools, the records being good.

Speaking from all angles it has been a most successful school year.

## WILLOW RIVER TAX PAYERS NOT SATISFIED

T. W. Claggett was on the upper Willow last week looking after the property of the Eastern Oregon Land company. The people of that section are much interested in the organization of a tax payers league, as they want to have at least some say as to how their money is expended. They have to pay the road taxes and believe they should be permitted to name the road supervisor and direct the expending of the money. This year they sent a petition to the county court asking for the appointment of a man they knew to have the interest of the district at heart and who was thoroughly qualified to do the work, but the petition was ignored and an inexperienced man placed in charge of their money and roads. They believe that if they were organized and sent a man to the court that their desires would be carried out, but without an organization they are ignored, treated as servants rather than as employers.

At Dreamland Tuesday evening, Blanche Sweet in the "Clue," a detective drama, involving military plans.

Charles F. Casey of Jordan Valley, Ore., and Perthenia Kinkle of Salem, Ind., obtained a marriage license in Caldwell on the 4th.

Lampkin's special offers in his advertisement this week should create quite a stir.

What is a strenuous life? Go to the Dreamland next Tuesday evening and find out.

### Congregational Notes.

Sunday, May 14th, is Mothers' day. The morning service at 11 o'clock will be in keeping with the occasion. The sermon, music and the entire service will be commensurate with the keeping of the day.

There will be no preaching in the evening. The Congregation will join in the baccalaureate services at the school house.

PHILIP KOENIG, B. D., Pastor.

## NEW PLYMOUTH HAS MAY DAY CELEBRATION

New Plymouth, May 8.—A big May day celebration was held here Friday afternoon on the school grounds, and in point of beauty and unique and interesting features, was perhaps, the prettiest thing of its kind ever given here. The many splendid drills by the children were especially good and showed much careful training upon the part of the teachers. The chief event of the afternoon was the arrival on the grounds of the "King" and "Queen," who were preceded by two little girls daintily gowned in white, each bearing baskets of flowers, from which they strewed blossoms before the "Royal" party. To the music of the high school orchestra the "King" and "Queen" took their places on the handsomely decorated throne, surrounded by their pages and attendants. Miss Esther Johnson made a most lovely and charming "queen," while Gerald Hamilton looked a real live "king." Military and patriotic drills by the boys and girls from the first to the sixth grades, a May pole dance, and other sports were cleverly carried out and much enjoyed by a large number of spectators. Two baseball games were pulled off, rounding out a long afternoon's program, to the satisfaction of everyone.

The unanimous support of the republicans of Eastern Oregon should be given to the candidacy of W. H. Brooke for delegate to the national republican convention. From Mr. Brooke's wide experience in public life we know we can depend upon him to ably and with good judgment exercise the duties entrusted to him and that he cannot be swayed by misleading demonstrations calculated to win over the unwary delegate. At the coming convention it is very important that the republicans unite upon a strong candidate who can be elected. Mr. Brooke can be depended upon to support such a candidate and will use his endeavors to reunite the party.

## INSTRUCTIONS VOTERS SHOULD ALL READ

The attention of the voters is respectfully called to the following:

Please take notice that the names of certain candidates do not in all cases appear in the same relative position on the official ballots that they occupy on the sample ballots. This is caused by operation of the law requiring the rotation of names in all cases where the number of candidates is five or more for any office. In such cases the names rotate on the official ballot but do not rotate on the sample ballot.

All registered electors should vote in the precinct in which they have registered, except those registered electors who have changed their residence from the precinct in which they are registered, during the period when registration is closed by law, may on application to the county clerk receive a certificate of registration, which certificate, on presentation to the election board will entitle the elector to vote in the precinct to which the elector has removed.

Any registered elector voting in any precinct other than the one for which he is registered, without first having obtained a certificate of registration, will be guilty of double registration, the extreme penalty for which is a term of three years in the penitentiary.

Electors who have not registered will be entitled to vote at any election by registering on election day before one of the judges of election, such registration, if properly made, will permanently register the elector for that precinct. If naturalized the elector must exhibit final citizenship papers or a duly authenticated copy or certificate thereof.

## MOTHERS' DAY ON SUNDAY MAY 14

The second Sunday in May is Mother's day. This year it falls on May 14th. The beautiful thought of setting aside one day in the year to be particularly devoted to one's mother was first suggested by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, who founded the Mother's Day International association to provide the necessary organized support for the fostering of the movement. Thanks largely to her efforts, Mother's Day has become a recognized institution as the day on which each of us should pause to acknowledge our debt of affection and gratitude to "the best mother who ever lived," on which we should be with her if we can, and, if we unfortunately cannot, should make it a point of sending her a message of affection and cheer.

The emblem of the day is the white carnation, and it is the hope of the Mother's Day association that it will be worn by every one as a tribute of respect, not only for his own mother, but also for all the gentle and noble motherhood of the land.

Preparedness would look mighty good if we had it now.

L. All that Gen. Pershing wants is a bad ma from Chihuahua.

It is time for the nation to know all the facts in the submarine affair.

In time of peace, according to "pork" congressmen, prepare for postoffices!

Capt. Von Paen seems to have been lucky in getting found out only by degrees.

### United Presbyterian Church Notes.

Next Sabbath will be widely observed as "Mothers Day." We will hold a "Mothers Day" service at 11 o'clock. All who have had or now have a mother are invited to come and wear a flower in honor of mother.

There will be no evening preaching in the church on account of the union service at the high school. The pastor will deliver the baccalaureate sermon there.

The congregation has decided to erect a modern parsonage beside the church building for the use of the pastor. The financial end of the plan is provided for. No debt exists and now that provision has been made for the building expense, work will be begun soon.

W. N. BROWN, Pastor.

## THAT NEW JAIL AND COUNTY COURT HOUSE

### The Vale Crowd Getting Restless Over Delay.

"Committee Visits Court," is the heading over an item in the Vale Enterprise of the 6th, which states that a committee called on the county commissioners last Thursday to ascertain when construction work would begin on the new jail, as part of the money levied under the head of miscellaneous items is now in the hands of the treasurer, there was \$12,000 raised for this purpose. The committee was composed of the same citizens who told the people of the county in the fall of 1914 that the jail and court house were ample for many years. Before the meeting of the circuit court there were two men in the jail, at present one man is serving time there. The last term of court showed the smallest docket in years and it is to be assumed that while the prohibition law is in effect there will be little call for a jail. Now is the time for the citizens to come forward if they do not want more of their money wasted. Judging from the experience of the money paid for the Big Bend bridge the people should not expect over fifty per cent of value from the \$12,000 they have to blow in at this time and the same proportion for the many thousands that will be required before the job is finished.

## THE ONTARIO BAND GIVES FIRST CONCERT

The members of the Ontario band made their first public appearance on Saturday evening and made a splendid impression. In some of the first numbers there was a lack of confidence displayed by some of the younger members but they will recover from this and add the necessary volume. The solo by James Smith was a very pleasing number. There will be an entire change of program for next Saturday evening. The general opinion expressed by those who turned out was that it is the best band we have ever started out with and the players will receive the hearty support of the people. Turn out and give the boys a hand. There will be several catchy numbers on the program.

### MALHEUR ITEMS

Jack Sheridan made a business trip to Vale this week.

Tom and Dave Logan of Brogan, accompanied by their families passed through town on their way home from the stock growers convention in Baker.

James Morfitt attended the stock growers convention in Baker and reports a fine time. The Baker people entertained them royally.

Walter W. Worsham and wife were Baker visitors this week. Mr. Worsham returned home the last of the week. Mrs. Worsham remained for several weeks visit with relatives.

The baseball team gave a dance Friday evening which was very well attended and everyone reports a fine time. Mrs. Claudia Worsham and daughter Bernice, Mrs. Riser and daughter, Thelma, Mr. Wert and Lynn Moudy, Mr. Davis and Mr. Walter Meyers were among those who attended the dance from the Rainbow mine.

William and James Wilson of Cow Valley were in town making final proof on their homesteads.

Low Sutherland was a Malheur visitor from Cow Valley.

Mrs. T. A. Brown and son of Bridgeport were in town on land business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Petten of Burnt River were in town Sunday.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morfitt Sunday, May 7th.

E. T. Newton of Baker is in town looking after some mining claims in this vicinity.

Geo. Parrot came in on the Monday evening stage from Pendleton. The new motor truck is now making regular trips with the mail and passengers from Baker.



At Dreamland, Monday evening. A story of great love, great jealousy and great revenge.

Do not miss the senior class play at Dreamland, Tuesday evening, May 16th.